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a *79 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of cases admitted in the Government Hospital, Kancheepuram, in the months of September, October and November 1961, for application of forceps and the number of patients who died in the hospital?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The total number of cases that required application of forceps in the hospital during September, October and November 1961 was 6, 8 and 5, respectively. The number of such patients who died in the hospital was two in October 1961 and one in November 1961.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Sir, may I know whether there is a doctor in that hospital with post-graduate qualifications to deal with and treat cases of these kinds?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, a separate question may be put.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact, Sir, that on account of the hue and cry raised in the town due to increased mortality in that unfortunate hospital, the hospital operation register was torn off and re-written? Have the Government any information on this?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, Government have no such information. But the information given by the hon. Member will be kept in mind and enquired into.

Pre-school centres

b *92 Q.—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of pre-school centres proposed to be started in the State during 1962–63;

(b) whether there is any proposal to feed these children and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the qualification and the nature of training given to the teachers employed in the pre-school centres?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) 500.

(b) Yes, Sir. The children will be given eatables. Milk will also be given. Details regarding this are being worked out.

(c) Trained Thayis will be selected to be in charge of the centres. If no Thayi is available, any other suitable person with a minimum educational qualification of VII Standard (integrated) completed will be selected for training. The training will commence in August 1962. The syllabus and programme for the training are being worked out by the Director of Women's Welfare. The training will be for a period of three months.

a Question postponed from the list of questions for 4th July 1962.
b Question postponed from the list of questions for 5th July 1962.